

GUNPOWDER FALLS STATE PARK



HEROES
OF
NORTH POINT

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Gunpowder Falls State Park!

A hidden treasure located in Dundalk, the North Point State Battlefield was once the location where American soldiers stood firm against British advancement towards Baltimore.

The Battle of North Point delayed the British long enough for American forces to fortify the Port of Baltimore. As a result, the city was saved from a British raid during the War of 1812.

Travel back in time to the North Point State Battlefield and immerse yourself in the history, culture, and landscape of this historic battle fought on September 12th, 1814.



Today you'll be participating in a letterboxing adventure through the park. You'll find your first clue in a letterbox located near the bulletin board at the end of the parking lot.

*The code to open the first lock is **1812**!*

From here, read the stories inside each letterbox to learn more about Maryland's role in the War of 1812. The information you gather at each station will give you the clues you need to locate and unlock the next letterbox. The final stamp you'll find in the last letterbox is for your Park Quest Passport. Feel free to take notes and fill out the following activities as you wander your way through history!

Good luck and have fun!

STATION 1



Did you notice the exciting picture on the previous page? This is a lithographic print of a painting by Maryland Militiaman Thomas Ruckle.

Take a look around the battlefield and use your own artistic skills to sketch what you see!

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STATION 2

Can you imagine what it must have been like to march around North Point in those heavy old-fashioned jackets and coats?

Compare and contrast how soldiers in 1814 might have prepared for a hike with how you and your family prepared for today.

What would you wear, carry, and bring? Make a list or draw some pictures!

People in 1814

People in 2017

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STATION 3

Were you surprised to discover how closely related North Point was to the writing of our National Anthem?

It's your turn to write some poetry! Fill in the missing pieces of the Star-Spangled Banner!

O say can you see,

By the dawn's early _____,

What so _____ we hailed

At the _____ last gleaming,

Whose broad _____ and bright _____

Through the perilous _____,

O'er the _____ we watched,

Were so gallantly _____?

And the _____ red glare,

The bombs _____ in air,

Gave _____ through the _____

That our _____ was still there;

O say does that star-spangled

Banner yet _____

O'er the land of the _____

And the _____ of the brave?

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STATION 4

Due to the heroic efforts of the soldiers here at North Point, the United States of America was able to maintain its independence and secure additional freedom from Great Britain.

Take a moment to reflect on what makes America special to you.

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